

California Department of Mental Health (DMH)
Office of Multicultural Services (OMS)
Criterion II Supplemental Information Handout

In response to county suggestions, OMS has developed this document to assist Small Counties as they develop the portion of the CCPR Modification (DMH Information Notice 10-17) that is to be the foundational groundwork for reducing and eliminating mental health disparities. The purpose of this document is to clarify the data requirements within Criterion II of the Cultural Competence Plan Requirements Modification. This document is not intended to replace the requirements, but to provide further guidance (such as providing the intent behind the requirement). Counties should follow the specific requirements of the CCPR Modification within DMH Information Notice 10-17 when submitting their plan.

I. General Population

Intent: To provide a picture of county demographics so as to uncover disparities

- When comparing and analyzing other populations (such as Medi-Cal, CSS, and PEI), with the general population, disparities will be more evident with this baseline information.
- Detail this by race, ethnicity, age, gender, and other relevant small county cultural populations.
- May utilize MHSA Annual Plan Update data.
- Discuss any limitations with the data.

II. Medi-Cal Population

Intent: To find/identify disparities within the Medi-Cal population. This tool captures the number of people who hold a Medi-Cal card (eligibles) vs those on Medi-Cal utilizing mental health services in the county.

- This compares data on who is Medi-Cal eligible (those holding a Medi-Cal card) with those that are utilizing your county's public mental health services. From this information, an analysis of disparities shall be provided.
- Discuss disparities that are prominent.
- Data shall be reported by race, ethnicity, age, gender, and other relevant small county cultural populations.
- Discuss any limitations with the data.

III. 200% of Poverty (minus Medi-Cal) population and service needs.

Intent: To determine what kind of access non-Medi-Cal clients are receiving in the county

- Describe those in your county that are at 200% of poverty.
- Report by race, ethnicity, age, gender, and other relevant small county cultural populations.
- This population is most similar to that of the Medi-Cal population.
- Subtract out the number of the Medi-Cal population that is utilizing mental health Medi-Cal services in the county.
- This total is the number of people in your county that are in poverty and not on Medi-Cal that are using mental health services in your county.
- Analyze for disparities that are prominent.
- Discuss any limitations with the data.

IV. MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) population assessment and service needs

Intent: To show linkage between the population assessment of this MHSA component and the county's current disparities identified in Criterion II

- From the county's approved CSS plan, extract a copy of the population assessment.
- Summarize population and client utilization data (those using mental health services in your county) by race, ethnicity, language, age, gender and other relevant small county cultural populations.
- Provide an analysis of disparities as identified in the above summary. This can be a narrative discussion of the data. Data must support the analysis.
- Show linkage here of how the CSS assessment is still current or is out dated, and how the county will reduce the disparities identified in the CCPR Modification Criterion II analysis work.
- Discuss any limitations with the data.

V. Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan: The process used to identify the PEI priority populations

Intent: To show linkage between the county-identified PEI populations and the current target populations that are identified to be targeted to address the county's current disparities.

- Describe which PEI priority population(s) the county identified in their PEI plan.
- Describe the process and rationale used by the county in selecting them. PEI Plan sections should be used to respond to priority populations identified by the county.
- Are these populations the same populations that are currently identified as having disparities? If not, describe how the county will fully address current disparities.